

Our Pool is the Best!

Our association intends, whether guests are young or old, for every individual and every family to enjoy our swimming pool facility without worrying about water safety or interference of undesirable language or unruly activity in the pool area. This is first and foremost, a recreational facility with the specific purpose of providing a fun, relaxing and safe place for residents and their guests to spend time with family. **Using a pool pass means you accept all High Point Pool rules. Period.**

This will be another busy summer, as High Point continues to be the busiest pool in Strongsville. Every year we have many residents who are new to the area and are using our pool for the first time. We ask everyone to be gracious and help new residents feel welcome and understand the rules so everyone can have a safe and enjoyable time. **Pool rules are printed in this newsletter.**

Lifeguards are employees of Metropolitan Pools to ensure swimmer safety. Association trustees require lifeguards to enforce all pool rules to protect everyone and ensure a pleasant atmosphere. Lifeguards are empowered by the trustees to require residents and guests to follow all rules published in this newsletter and posted at the pool, especially those for health and safety concerns. **SWIM DIAPERS MUST** be used at all times by younger swimmers. *Last summer we had to close three times due to bacterial releases from children not wearing swim diapers. That is not fair to other residents who use the pool.* Please cover your sneezes and coughs as necessary to prevent the spread of germs. Our bathrooms are stocked with soap and water for washing hands.

Do NOT bring sick children to the pool for Toddler Swim or during regular swim hours. Baby sitters should understand they are responsible for making prudent decisions about bringing children who are not feeling well to the pool or the association playground area. Stay home if you are sick.

In recent years the television and music industry have unfortunately changed the landscape of what is acceptable and appropriate in language and activity. High Point is a family facility and frequented by residents with young children. Profanity in any form, harassment in any form and suggestive activity is not appropriate and will result in immediate removal. Our lifeguards are asked to provide enforcement in this area and the trustees have directed a low tolerance level for this unacceptable behavior. Situations requiring lifeguard response are referred to the trustees for final disciplinary action. If you need further interpretation or explanation regarding what is or what may not be appropriate, contact any member of the trustees for clarification, not the lifeguards.

Our bottom line is that we ask each and every resident to respect other people. It is that simple and if everyone does just that, we will all have a relaxing, enjoyable and fun summer.

Parent Responsibilities at the Pool

Metropolitan Pool Service provides our lifeguards under contract. They are present to ensure the safety of swimmers. Metropolitan Pools lifeguards are certified in safety classes each year. Parents assume lifeguards are present so they don't have to watch their children. Wrong! **Lifeguards are there to assure safety and help in case of an aquatic emergency, not to babysit children.** It is impossible to prevent every emergency, but the lack of parental responsibility has contributed to the increase of incidents in recent years. Our primary goal is a safe pool for all residents.

Only Coast Guard approved floatation devices are permitted for children. High Point lifeguards are instructed to only allow Coast Guard approved floatation devices. Others are not permitted. Please prepare accordingly.



July 4th Parade!!!!

Be sure to mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 4th at Noon, when High Point will have our annual Parade! Decorate your bike, wagon, stroller, or yourself and be part of this event. Meet at the clubhouse parking lot at noon. Parade route is Lexington Lane to Saratoga to Brandywine with a Strongsville Police escort. Everyone gets a free cool treat when they return to the clubhouse from the Parade.

Pool Rules for High Point Residents and Guests

Pool passes are collected at the podium by lifeguards. Under the authority of association trustees, lifeguards are authorized to refuse entry to anyone without valid passes. Pool passes are returned by lifeguards when residents leave the pool. ***Your patience and cooperation are appreciated as you enter and leave the pool facility, especially at break periods, when it is very busy.***

ALL DECISIONS BY METROPOLITAN POOL LIFEGUARDS ARE FINAL. Questions/comments regarding Metropolitan Pool lifeguards or pool rules ***should be directed to association trustees.*** Please respect the authority of the lifeguards and follow their directions while you are in the pool area. Your cooperation is appreciated. We have retained this professional firm to manage our daily operations due to the complexities and importance of this facility. ***Safety is our number one priority. Only Coast Guard approved floatation devices will be allowed to be used at High Point pool.***

Pool passes are issued to individual family members who reside in the High Point home. Names and addresses should be written in ink on each pass. Ages are determined as of September 1, 2018. ***Issuance of Adult passes may require verification of age by the trustees.***

ADULT PASS - Issued to persons 16 years and older. *Age as of 09-01-2018*

TEEN PASS - Issued to persons 12 through 15 years of age.

CHILD PASS - 11 years and younger, MUST be accompanied by ADULT.

Rest Break - All swimmers (except adults and infants) are required to take a rest break each hour while at the pool. This means young swimmers must ***completely*** exit the main pool and zero-entry. Breaks are scheduled the last 15 minutes of each hour. Infants (two and under) are allowed in the water only with adults during the break. There is no rest break the last hour at the end of the day.

Private Parties - Residents may rent the clubhouse for private parties that may begin as early as 5:00 pm and must share the pool until 10:00 pm. **All private party guests using the pool must wear provided wristbands for identification.** Private parties must end by midnight and there is an option offered again this year for non-pool summer rentals for showers, anniversaries and birthdays. See additional details and club house rental information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Important Clarification – Our clubhouse facility closes each night when the pool closes at the scheduled time. Everyone must exit at 10:00 pm. Bathrooms are NOT available after closing.

Any use of profanity, vulgar, sexually or racially offensive language - *witnessed by a lifeguard or reported to a lifeguard by an adult* - will result in immediate ejection from the pool for the rest of the day and possible review by the trustees. Verbal or physical abuse of a lifeguard or reckless endangerment of other swimmers will result in immediate ejection from the pool and prohibited re-entry until the matter is reviewed by the trustees. Lifeguards have been directed by the trustees to request assistance from the Strongsville Police when any situation might threaten or compromise the safety of the lifeguard staff, residents or swimmers.

NO running or horseplay is allowed in the pool or deck area to ensure the safety of everyone at the pool. Behavior or actions that, in the judgment of lifeguards, breaks pool rules or endangers the safety of swimmers will result in the following disciplinary measures: (except as otherwise noted)

1st situation - Lifeguard will give a warning to swimmer.

2nd situation - Individual will be required to sit on deck at lifeguard chair for 15 minutes.

3rd situation - Individual will be sent home without pass and not be allowed to return until a meeting is held with parent, Metro Pool Manager and HP trustees.

A **Family Guest Pass** is offered to residents who consent to use of this pass by teenage family members. High Point teenagers may bring up to two guests 12 to 15 years of age, NOT children under this age. Parents, *who are required to authorize this use*, are responsible for the conduct of the teenagers and their guests. (Trustees reserve the right to revoke this privilege if warranted.)

All valuables, especially purses and wallets, should be left at home. High Point is not responsible for money or valuables lost in the pool or clubhouse area. Lost articles from the pool area can be found in the coat room in the lobby, but items are kept for a very short time. *continued . . .*

Pool Rules to know . . .

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Swimmer safety is the primary concern of lifeguards, who are responsible for deciding what toys or objects are allowed in the pool. LIFEGUARDS WILL MAKE THAT DETERMINATION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SWIMMERS AND POOL CONDITIONS to protect the safety of everyone using the pool. **Rafts, inner-tubes, rings, wings and other floats are NOT permitted at any time.** Noodles are allowed. Squirt guns and other water shooting toys or Soak-A-Sauras noodles are **NOT** permitted. **Only Splash Bombs or similar balls may be thrown. Objects such as tennis or foam balls that absorb water and become heavy, may NOT be used at any time.**

For the safety, health and welfare of all swimmers, **proper swim suits are required** at all times in the pool. **These are prohibited: 1. Clothing that could contribute to entrapment and inhibit life-saving measures; loose fitting clothing; heavy garments; cut-offs; and jean shorts. 2. Clothing worn for workout or other purposes prior to using the pool.** Deck chairs and lounges are intended for adults, unless pool is not crowded. Radios and CD players must have earphones.

Lifeguards have first-aid kits for accidents and injuries. Please report ALL accidents and injuries to lifeguards to ensure proper medical treatment and trustee attention to dangerous conditions. To prevent injuries, **FLIPS INTO THE POOL ARE PROHIBITED.** Diving is in the deep end only.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are NOT permitted in the pool or the deck area during normal pool hours when the facility is open to residents. **SMOKING is NOT** permitted within the clubhouse, deck or pool area. A designated smoking area is available outside the clubhouse entrance.

A Guest Pass is issued to each resident family with 30 uses. These are to bring relatives or friends. Each person equals one use. As cards are used, holes are punched to mark uses. (Four guests would be four punches.) Additional Guest Passes can be requested. Adult Guest Passes may be used by adults only. A Family Guest Pass, with parental consent, may be used by teenagers to admit two guests age 12-15. **High Point residents must be present at all times with invited guests.** Please read special notice in this newsletter regarding UNAUTHORIZED parties for birthday, graduation, sport teams, etc. using the guest pass instead of clubhouse rental.

Glass containers or bottles are NOT permitted in the pool area at ANY time. Food and beverages may be brought to the pool, but only on the grass areas. Paper and cans should be thrown in trash containers provided in the deck area. Please pick up your own litter when you are leaving.

Lost Pool Passes can be replaced by trustees. Lifeguards have forms at the podium. Leave the form with the lifeguards. Replacement passes will be available at the podium on Saturdays. In case of thunder or threatening weather, the lifeguards have complete authority to clear the pool immediately. If the storm passes and weather conditions improve, the pool will reopen 30 minutes after the last thunder. After prolonged storm conditions, the pool will reopen if there is more than 3 hours left in the day. You may call the club house lifeguard station **(440-638-4305)** to check on the pool status. When the temperature is below 60 degrees or in bad weather, the pool will be closed.

ATTENTION TODDLER PARENTS: We have had numerous incidents of bacterial release by toddlers. Even though there are new and improved designs on the market, NO diaper works unless parents uses swim diapers and monitor their youngsters. There is no excuse for a parent who does not accept this responsibility. Metropolitan lifeguards are prepared to respond to a bacterial release in the pool. There is no danger or risk to residents, thanks to the regular chlorine level of our water. Should there be a bacterial release, lifeguards evaluate the situation and respond. If necessary, the pool may be closed for a period of time (up to 24 hours) as chlorine is added to the water. If additional steps are necessary, lifeguards will make the decision with trustees, observing all required health standards to protect the health and safety of residents.

There is a dedicated swim time for toddlers from **11:00 am** to noon, **Monday through Friday. This is for toddlers only (defined as youngsters six years and under) in the zero-entry section of the pool** while swim team is practicing in the main pool. Parents must accompany children. Pool passes are required and only High Point residents are permitted (sorry, no guests). A lifeguard will be on duty in the zero-entry during this time. **Toddler Swim will be June 7 through August 21.**

High Point's pool temperature is a constant 80 degrees. Nice and warm.